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by your committee that some definite advance can be made toward the adoption of the Metric System during the sessions of the Fifty-sixth Congress.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

THE plans for building the University of California, submitted by M. Bernard, of Paris, have received the first prize in the competition arranged by Mrs. Phoebe Hearst. The cost of the buildings is estimated at over \$15,000,000. Contrary to the statements in the daily papers we understand that Mrs. Hearst has not as yet undertaken to defray the cost of any of the new buildings.

IN addition to \$300,000 subscribed from various sources for an endowment of Brown University, made on condition that \$2,000,000 be collected, Mr. John D. Rockefeller has offered to give \$250,000 on condition that \$1,000,000 be raised before commencement of next year.

ACCORDING to a dispatch in the daily papers Mr. S. F. Loubat, of New York, now residing at Paris, has given 300,000 Marks to the University of Berlin to endow a professorship 'for Americans,' which probably means for 'Americana,' a subject in which Mr. Loubat is much interested.

A CORRESPONDENT of the London *Times* sends the epitaph of the founder of Yale University from his tombstone in Wrexham Churchyard, North Wales, which is as follows:

Eliugh Yale, Esq., was buried the twenty-second of July in the year of our Lord MDCCXXI.

'Born in America, in Europe bred,
'In Africa travelled, in Asia wed,
'Where long he lived and thrived, in London dead.
'Much good, some ill, he did, so hope all's even,
'And that his soul through mercy's gone to Heaven.
'You that survive, and read this tale, take care
'For this most certain exit to prepare,
'Where blest in peace the action of the just
'Smell sweet, and blossom in the silent dust.'

It was remarked in a recent number of SCIENCE that "the most disappointing aspect of university education seems to be the complete lack of medical students who take higher degrees." The observation appears to be enforced by the fact that three of the students who this year received the Ph.D. in psychology

at Columbia University have been appointed to assistantships in the physiological laboratories of medical schools--Drs. G. V. N. Dearborn and S. I. Franz in the Harvard Medical School, and Dr. R. S. Woodworth in the University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College.

DAVID R. MAJOR, Ph.D. (Cornell), who was last year fellow in education at Teachers College, Columbia University, has been appointed acting professor of pedagogy in the University of Nebraska.

L. C. GLEN, Ph.D. (Johns Hopkins), has been appointed professor of geology at South Carolina College. F. A. Saunders, Ph. D (Johns Hopkins), has been appointed instructor in physics in Haverford College.

MR. EDGAR R. CUMMINGS, a recent graduate of Union College, has been appointed an instructor in geology in Indiana University. Mr. Cummings has published papers on the geology of the Mohawk Valley, N. Y., and is planning original work in the stratigraphical geology and paleontology of Indiana.

PROFESSOR W. S. MILLER, of the University of Wisconsin, has declined a call to the chair of anatomy and histology in the University of the State of Missouri.

DR. ALEXANDER MCADIE, of the San Francisco Weather Bureau, has been appointed honorary lecturer in meteorology in the University of California.

AT the University of North Carolina, J. E. Latta, B.Ph. (University of North Carolina), has been appointed instructor in physics, and Thomas Clarke, B.S. (University of Carolina, '96), Ph.D. (Brown University, '98), instructor in chemistry.

DR. ADOLF MIETHE, of Braunschweig, has been appointed professor of photo-chemistry in the Technical Institute at Berlin.

THE following have qualified as docents in German universities: Dr. Kauffman in physics at Göttingen; Dr. Henneberg in anatomy at Geessen, and Dr. Göttler in mathematics at Munich.

DR. OTTO KRIGAR-MENZEL, docent in physics in the University of Berlin, has been appointed to an associate professorship.